are conducted at the worksites with the assistance of managements by these organisations. Separate National Safety Awards are given by the Government for mines as well as factories and ports, *inter-alia*, to ensure observance of suitable safety norms at work place.

(c) These Safety Campaigns are organised in all the States, including Tamil Nadu. Funds for organising awareness campaign programmes are provided by the managements of respective companies/units at local level.

Creation of job opportunities

†*230. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that development without creating additional job opportunities would not prove beneficial for the country;

(b) if so, Government's reaction in this regard;

(c) whether Government would consider to bring about changes in the present industrial policy so as to accord priority and importance to the creation of jobs in the future plans of the country; and

(d) if so, the comprehensive details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The approach to Mid Term Appraisal of the Tenth Five Year Plan has reiterated that growth of employment should exceed growth of labour force. Government is committed to economic reforms with a human face that stimulates growth, investment and employment.

(c) and (d) The Government is committed to take all necessary steps to revive industrial growth through a range of policies including deregulation, where necessary; introducing incentives to boost private investment; and strengthening of regulatory institutions to ensure free competition. Foreign Direct Investement (FDI) will continue to be encouraged and actively sought, particularly in areas of infrastructure, high technology and exports, and where local assets and employment are created on a significant scale.

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